



# VHF/AM MOBILE TRANSCEIVER

## Model TiL-90-6R

MOBILE SYSTEM P/N 860605 (Opt. 8.33)  
(TMS-100 Opt. 8.33)



## Installation and Operating Instructions

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### **CAUTION ! STATIC SENSITIVE !**



This unit contains static sensitive devices. Wear a grounded wrist strap and/or conductive gloves when handling printed circuit boards.

### **FCC COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.



**WARNING:** For compliance with FCC RF Exposure Requirements the mobile transmitter antenna installation shall comply with the following two conditions:

1. The transmitter antenna gain shall not exceed 3 dBi.
2. The transmitter antenna is required to be located outside of a vehicle and kept at a separation distance of 90 cm or more between the transmitter antenna of this device and person(s) during operation.

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his/her own expense.

**FCC LABELING INFORMATION:** When this device is permanently mounted in an enclosure where the FCC ID label can not be seen, another label must be placed on the outside of the enclosure stating 'contains FCC ID: IMA90-6R'.

### **WARNING**

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Technisonic Industries could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **WARRANTY INFORMATION**

The TMS-100 (Opt 8.33) Mobile System is under warranty for one year from date of purchase. Failed units caused by defective parts, or workmanship should be returned to:

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## SECTION 1 - GENERAL DESCRIPTION

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION

VHF/AM Mobile Transceiver System 860605 (Opt.8.33), manufactured by Technisonic Industries Limited, is a low power VHF/AM Transceiver, complete with Mounting Bracket, Power Input Cable, Microphone and Antenna.

#### 1.1.1 Purpose of the System

- (1) **Intended Purpose and Use** - The system is intended for installation in airport service vehicles, such as cars, snowploughs, and grass cutters, to allow ground control over such vehicles while they are negotiating aircraft manoeuvring areas.
- (2) **Brief Description of System Units** - VHF/AM Mobile Transceiver System 860605, Opt.8.33 consists of the following items:
  - (a) Transceiver Model 90-6R/8.33, Part Number 861605-2 with Opt. 8.33, is a low power VHF/AM transceiver which operates in simplex on six pre-programmable frequency synthesized channels, with 25kHz or 8.33kHz channel spacing in the frequency range 117.975MHz to 138.000MHz. The transceiver operates from a 12 volts dc nominal vehicle power supply (negative ground only). An optional internal dc to dc power convertor, P/N 863118-1 is available to allow operation from 10.8-30.0 Vdc. A general view of the transceiver is given in Figure 1.1. The transceiver is normally located under the dashboard of a vehicle using a mounting bracket and mounting hardware.
  - (b) Mounting Bracket, Part Number 913053-1, is a U-shaped aluminum alloy bracket which, together with items of hardware included in Mounting Hardware Kit P/N 869024-1, is used to mount the transceiver under the dashboard of a vehicle. A view of the transceiver with mounting bracket is given in Figure 1.2.
  - (c) Power Input Cable Assembly, Part Number 863701, is a three-metre length of two-core cable terminated at one end by a two-pin, female contacts, connector, which mates with the two-pin, male contacts, connector located at the left-rear of the transceiver. The unterminated end of the cable is connected to the 12Vdc vehicle power supply negative-ground during installation. A view of the cable assembly is given in Figure 1.3.
  - (d) Microphone Assembly, Part Number 961070-1, consists of a Microphone and a mounting bracket, P/N RK6MB.

A general view of the microphone assembly is given in Figure 1.4.

The microphone is a rugged hand-held microphone housed in a high impact plastic case which includes a rear case hang-up button for storage on the mounting bracket. The dynamic microphone is a noise cancelling type with a preamplifier, press-to-talk switch, and a retractable three-cord cable terminated by a three-pin male contacts, connector which mates with the MIC/PTT connector located on the front panel of the transceiver.

The microphone dc supply for the microphone is supplied by the transceiver. The mounting bracket, provided with the microphone, should be mounted in a convenient location near the transceiver. A small screwdriver which can be used for releasing the modular plug located in the microphone head is supplied with the microphone. A replacement plug-in microphone cord, P/N 963299-1, is available for this microphone. This cord is supplied with a modular microphone plug on one end and a three-pin DIN connector on the other to mate with the Model 90-6R/8.33 Transceiver.

- (e) Antenna Assembly, Part Number 861910-1, is supplied complete as a kit which includes the following items: Antenna Base, which includes a mounting pad, together with a pad, braid nut, sleeve and clamp for termination of the antenna RF cable. The Antenna Rod is supplied with an Allen Wrench for adjustment of its set screws. The Antenna RF Cable is a ten-metre length RG58/U coaxial cable terminated at one end by an UHF, male contact, connector which mates with the UHF, female contact, antenna connector located at the right-rear of the transceiver. The antenna may be mounted on any flat surface, roof, cowl, fender or rear deck of a vehicle, however, rooftop mounting is recommended for best performance. A general view of the antenna assembly is given in Figure 1.5.
- (f) A programming cable, TiL Part No. 013508-1 is included. This cable must be temporarily connected from header jack J4 inside the radio to the serial port of a computer in order to program frequency information into the transceiver. See Section 2 of this document for frequency programming details.

### 1.1.2 Modes of Operation

The transceiver may be operated in either of two modes; transmit or receive, as selected by the Press-to-Talk (PTT) switch on the microphone:

- (1) **Transmit Mode** - When the PTT switch on the microphone is depressed, the transceiver will operate in the transmit mode. The PTT signal line is grounded by the microphone switch via the microphone lead and the MIC/PTT connector to the transceiver. The Tx ON yellow LED will go "ON", indicating that the transmitter is activated.  
  
Transmission will occur on one of the six preset channel frequencies, determined by the setting of the CHANNEL SWITCH. The appropriate CHANNEL INDICATOR green LED 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, will be ON, indicating the channel selected.
- (2) **Receive Mode** - When the PTT switch on the microphone is released, the transceiver will operate in the receive mode. The Tx ON yellow LED will go OFF, indicating that the transmitter is de-activated. Reception on one of the six preset channel frequencies, as selected by the CHANNEL SWITCH will occur.

The appropriate CHANNEL INDICATOR green LED 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6, will be ON, indicating the channel selected. The setting of the SQUELCH CONTROL determines the squelch threshold level. When the SQUELCH CONTROL is adjusted in the counter-clockwise direction, the SQUELCH INDICATOR green LED will go ON, indicating that the squelch circuit is connecting the demodulated audio to the VOLUME CONTROL. The setting of the VOLUME CONTROL determines the audio level produced from the internal loudspeaker. When the VOLUME CONTROL is adjusted in the clockwise direction, the audio level will increase.

**NOTE:**

**In certain installations, either an external loudspeaker or headphone may be fitted and connected to the SPEAKER/PHONE jack of the transceiver.**

When the connector of the external loudspeaker or headphone is connected to the transceiver SPEAKER/PHONE jack, the internal loudspeaker is disconnected and the VOLUME CONTROL will control the audio level applied to the external loudspeaker or headphone, as applicable.

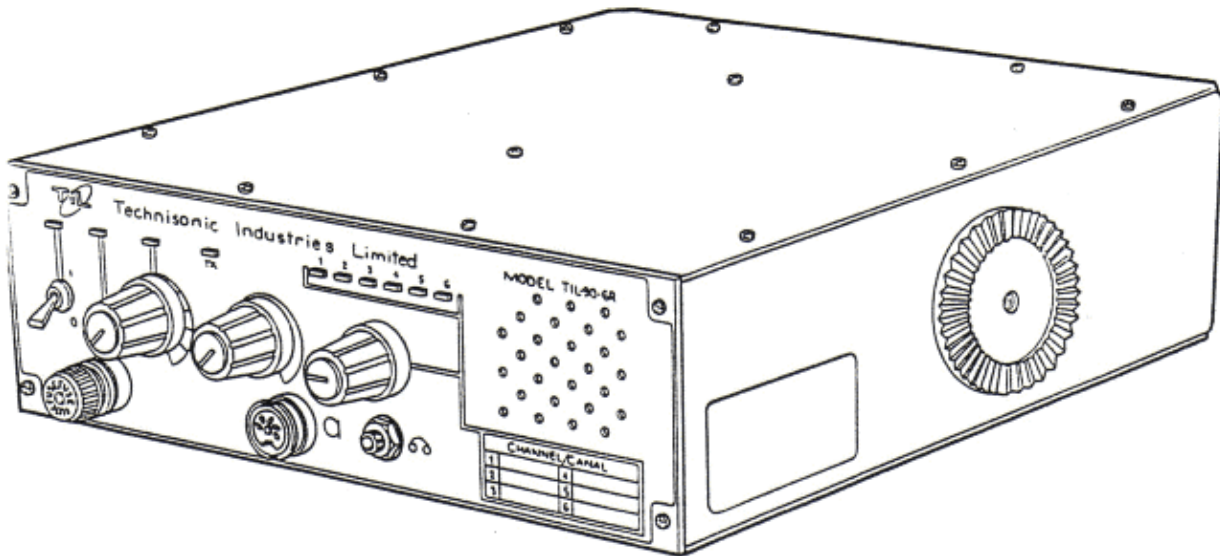


Figure 1.1 Transceiver - General View

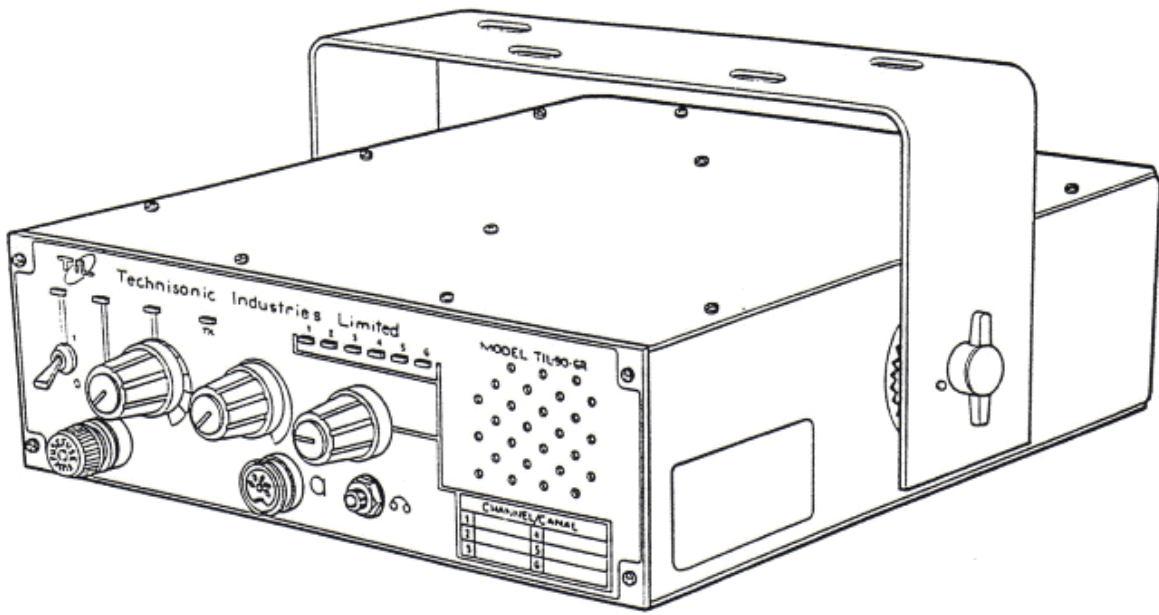


Figure 1.2 Transceiver with Mounting Bracket - General View

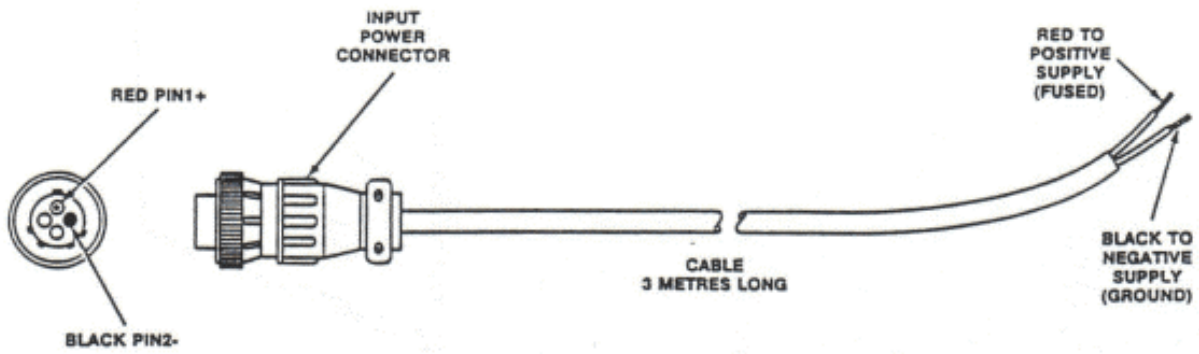


Figure 1.3 Power Input Cable Assembly - General View

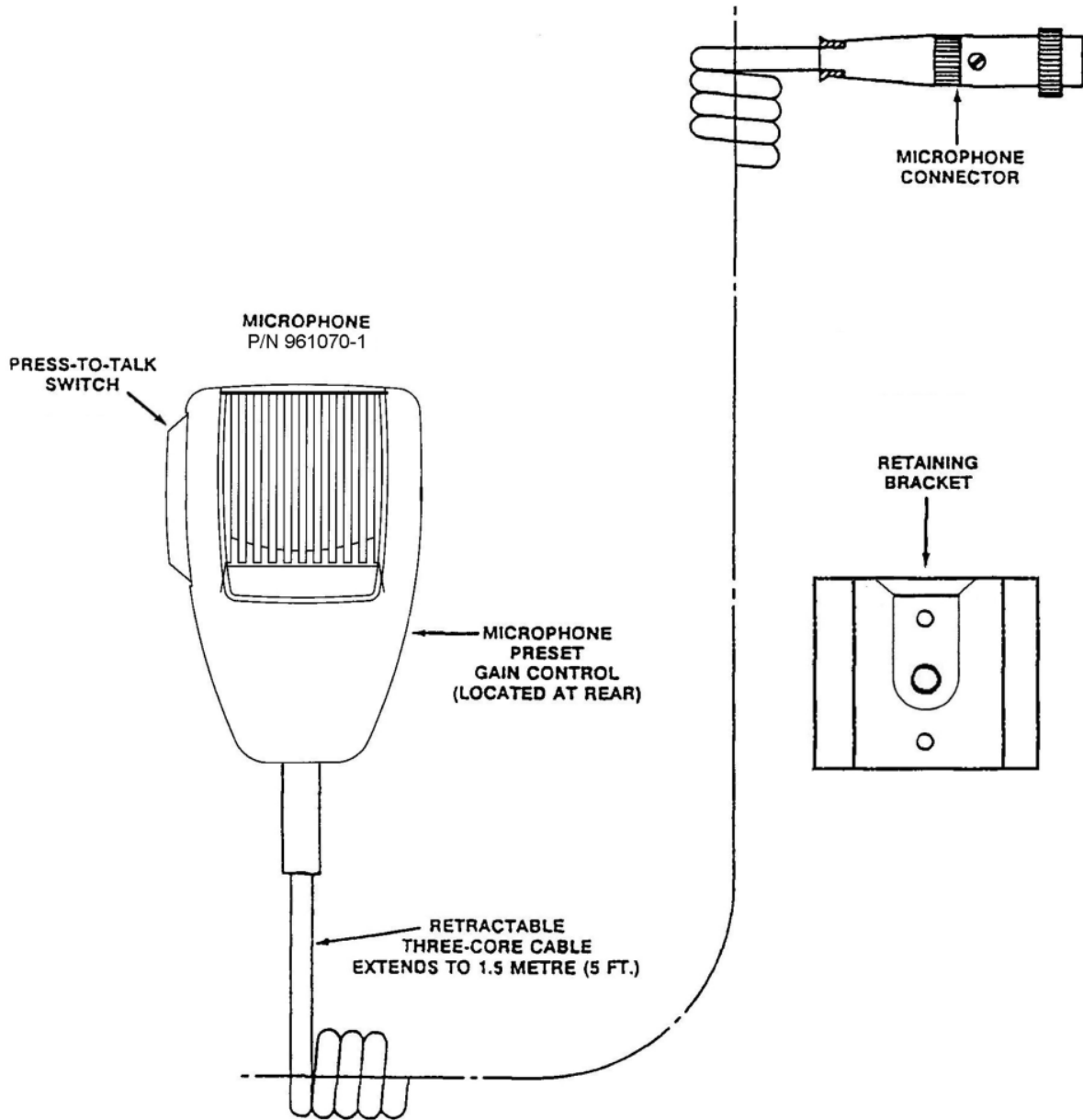
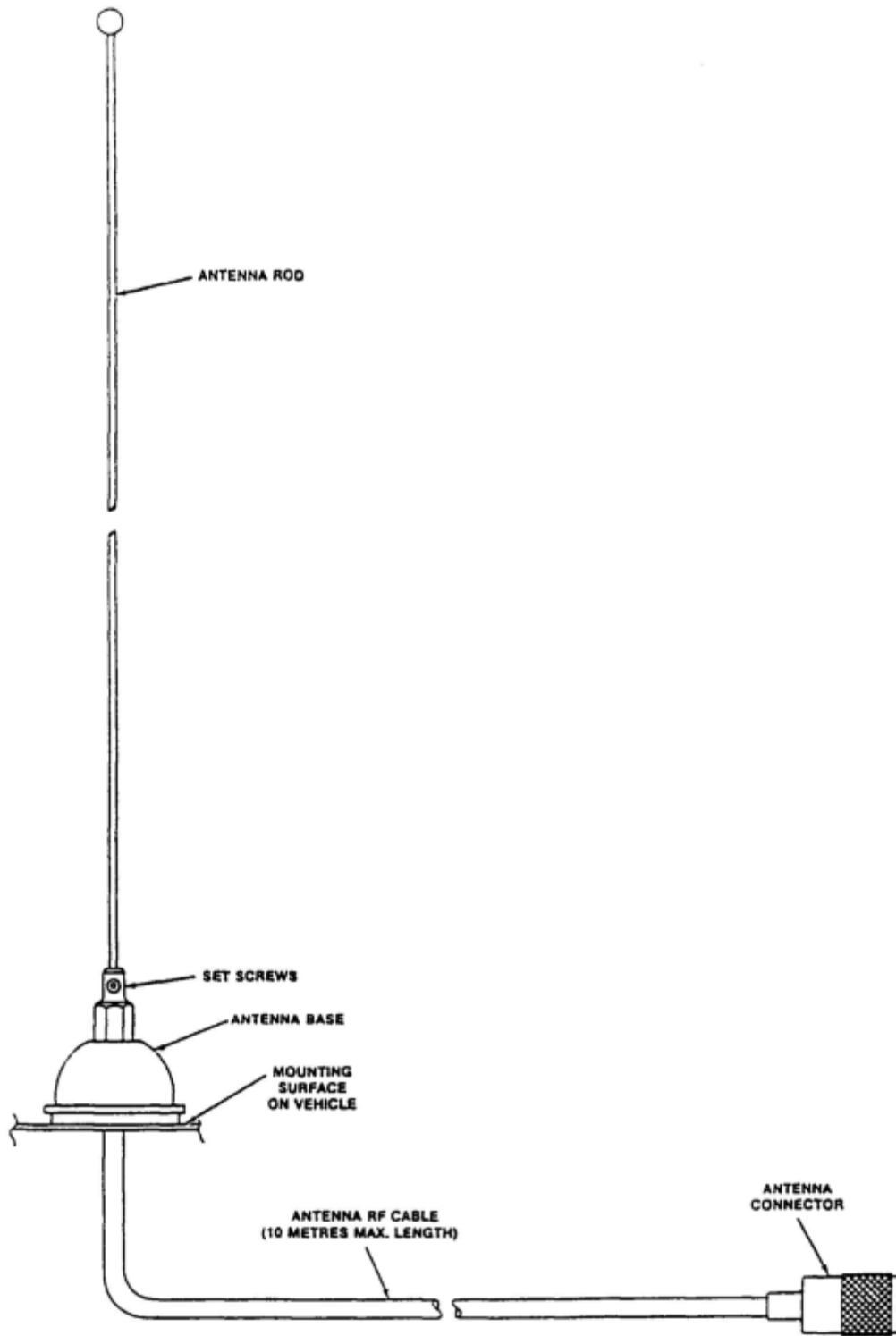


Figure 1.4 Microphone Assembly - General View





**Figure 1.5** Antenna Assembly, P/N 861910-1 - General View

## 1.2 TECHNICAL SUMMARY

A summary of the relevant electrical, operational, mechanical and physical characteristics of the transceiver are given in Table 1.1, Leading Particulars.

<b>TABLE 1.1 LEADING PARTICULARS</b>	
<b>TRANSCEIVER MODEL 90-6R/8.33:</b>	
Power Source Requirements:	
DC Voltage (Negative Ground) .....	13.75Vdc Nominal
Input Current:	
Transmit Mode .....	5.0A maximum
Receive Mode .....	1.5A maximum
Frequency Range .....	117.975MHz to 138.000MHz
Channel Spacing:	
Narrowband (Normal).....	8.33kHz
Wideband (Normal).....	25kHz
Frequency Selection.....	Six Preset Channels
Duty Cycle.....	One Minute Transmit/Four Minutes Receive
<b>TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS:</b>	
Power Output (FCC) .....	10 Watts maximum
Power Output (ICAN) .....	8 Watts maximum
Output Power Stability After One Minute .....	±1 Watt
VSWR .....	4:1
Carrier Stability (-40°C to +55°C) .....	±1,000Hz maximum
Incidental FM and PM Due to Modulation .....	±100Hz max.
Rise Time to 90% of Rated Power .....	100milliseconds max.
Audio Input .....	50millivolts to 2Vrms
Speech Processor Dynamic Range .....	35dB minimum
Modulation Capability .....	Up to 95%
Audio Distortion (with 90% modulation) .....	10% maximum
Audio Frequency Response .....	300Hz to 2,500Hz, +1,-3dB
Spurious Emissions .....	60dB below carrier
Hum and Noise Level .....	45dB below modulated carrier
<b>RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS:</b>	
RF Input Circuit: .....	50-ohms unbalanced, VSWR 2:1 maximum
Sensitivity (12dB SINAD) 1kHz, 30% modulation .....	1.8 microvolts
Selectivity, 25kHz Channel Spacing:	
Bandwidth at 6dB Points .....	More than 15kHz(±7.5kHz)
Bandwidth at 60dB Points .....	Less than 22kH(±11.0kHz)
Selectivity, 8.33kHz Channel Spacing Option:	
Bandwidth at 6dB Points .....	More than 10kHz(±5kHz)
Bandwidth at 60dB Points .....	Less than 15kHz(±7.5kHz)
Adjacent Channel Selectivity .....	At least 80dB
Pass Band Symmetry .....	15% maximum
IF Band Pass Ripple Between -6dB Points .....	2dB maximum
Spurious Response Attenuation .....	At least 90dB
Frequency Stability (-40°C to +55°C) .....	±1,000Hz max.
AGC Characteristics With RF Input Signal .....	5 microvolts to 1 volt
Audio Level:.....	±3dB

**TABLE 1.1 LEADING PARTICULARS (Continued)**

**RECEIVER CHARACTERISTICS (Continued)**

Intermodulation: Levels of Interference Signals

Are Shown To Produce Resulting SINAD of Not Less Than 6dB:

Ultimate Sensitivity (12dB) SINAD) .....	67 dB
30microvolts, Input Signal .....	45 dB
300microvolts, Input Signal .....	30 dB
Unwanted Radiation.....	Less Than 80microvolts into 50-ohms

Hum and Noise With 1mV RF Signal, 30% modulation at 1kHz:

Ratio of Rx Audio Output to Residual Output with 0% modulation .....	At least 40dB
Interference Suppression .....	SINAD 6dB minimum

Audio Output Power and Distortion:

Loudspeaker Output .....	At least 3 Watts
Speaker Phone Output .....	100mW into 600-ohms
Distortion with RF Input, 1mV, 30% modulation .....	Less than 5%
Distortion with RF Input, 1mV, 90% modulation .....	Less than 10%
Audio Output Limiting .....	Less than 1dB, 30 to 100% modulation
Audio Frequency Response 300Hz to 2,500Hz .....	+1,-3dB
Audio Acquisition Time .....	Within 100milliseconds

Audio Squelch Characteristic:

Squelch Type .....	Carrier Operated
Carrier Operated Squelch .....	Adjustable from 2 to 15microvolts

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND SERVICE CONDITIONS:**

Operating Temperature Range:

Full Performance .....	-40°C(-40° F) to +55°C(+131° F)
Slightly Degraded Performance .....	-41°C(-41.8° F) to - 55°C(-67° F)
Storage Temperature Range .....	-55°C(-67° F) to +65° C(+149° F)
Ambient Relative Humidity .....	Up to 100%



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## **SECTION 2 – CHANNEL FREQUENCY SELECTION AND PROGRAMMING**

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### **2.1 INTRODUCTION**

Transceiver Model 90-6R/8.33, Part Number 861605-2 Option 8.33, as shipped from the factory, is preprogrammed with test frequencies. Before programming any other frequencies, perform an operational check on Channel 1, as outlined in paragraph 2.6. If there is any operational deficiency or equipment malfunction, the transceiver is to be returned to the manufacturer, Technisonic Industries Limited, under warranty. Before installation in a vehicle, it is necessary to pre-program the desired operating frequencies for each channel to be used at the particular airport.

### **2.2 FREQUENCY RANGE**

The transceiver may be programmed for up to six frequencies over the frequency range 117.9750MHz to 138.000MHz with 8.33kHz or 25kHz channel spacing.

### **2.3 PREPARATION**

A personal computer is required to program frequencies into the transceiver channel memories. Refer to document 01RE291 for detailed instructions on TDP-90 software installation and operation.

A programming cable, TiL Part No. 013508-1, must be temporarily connected from header jack J4 inside the radio to the computer serial port. To gain access to J4, perform the following:

- (1) Place the transceiver on a bench with the top cover of the transceiver located on the bench and the bottom cover exposed.
- (2) Remove and retain twelve Philips Pan Hd Screws 4-40 X 1/4in. lg and No.4 Lockwashers securing the bottom cover to the main chassis of the transceiver.
- (3) Remove and retain the bottom cover.
- (4) Locate J4 on the Programmable Frequency Set Board.
- (5) Connect the 10 pin (female) block connector of the supplied Data Cable (TiL Part No. 013508-1) to J4. Plug the 9 pin (female) D connector end of the cable to an available Serial (COM) Port on your PC. A 9 pin serial extension cable may be required if the transceiver is more than a few feet away from the computer.

## 2.4 FREQUENCY SELECTION

For radio units shipped after Jan 2012 and equipped with a USB port, please refer to Appendix A (TiL TDP-90 Programming Software for USB Programmable AM Series Transceivers) for Installation and Operating Instructions - Document 11RE439).

Determine the number of channels to be used and the specific frequency of each channel for the particular transceiver being worked on. Prepare a list of channel number and frequencies to be preprogrammed.

The transceiver is capable of 25 kHz spacing (wide band) and 8.33 kHz spacing (narrow band) channels. The frequency entered will determine whether the channel will be wide or narrow mode, based on the Combined 8.33 kHz/25 kHz ICAO Frequency-Channel Pairing Plan. For example if you program 118.000 into a memory, the transceiver will operate on 118.000 MHz in wide band mode. If you program 118.005 into a memory, the transceiver will operate on 118.000 MHz in narrow band mode. For the most part, this will be transparent to the user since a frequency will be issued in the ICAO format and the radio will select wide or narrow mode. Refer to the chart below.

<b>Table 2.1 COMBINED 8.33/25 kHz ICAO FREQUENCY CHANNEL PAIRING PLAN</b>		
Frequency Entered (MHz)	Actual Operating Frequency	Channel Spacing (kHz)
<i>118.000</i>	<i>118.0000</i>	25
118.005	118.0000	8.33
118.010	118.0083	8.33
118.015	118.0166	8.33
<i>118.025</i>	<i>118.0250</i>	25
118.030	118.0250	8.33
118.035	118.0333	8.33
118.040	118.0416	8.33
<i>118.050</i>	<i>118.0500</i>	25
118.055	118.0500	8.33
118.060	118.0583	8.33
118.065	118.0666	8.33
<i>118.075</i>	<i>118.0750</i>	25
118.080	118.0750	8.33
118.085	118.0833	8.33
118.090	118.0916	8.33
<i>118.100</i>	<i>118.1000</i>	25
118.105	118.1000	8.33
etc	etc	etc

## 2.4.1 PROGRAMMING CHANNEL FREQUENCIES

Having ascertained the desired operating frequencies for each channel, continue as follows:

- (1) Run the TDP-90 program on the computer.
- (2) Click on the Data pull-down list and select the serial port to which the transceiver is connected.
- (3) Set the program for 1 or 6 channels as applicable.
- (4) Turn on power to the transceiver.
- (5) Click on the Up icon to retrieve the frequencies from the radio. You will see activity in the Terminal window as data is being transferred.
- (6) Edit the frequencies as desired.
- (7) Click on the Dn icon to copy the frequencies to the transceiver. You will see activity in the Terminal window as data is being transferred.
- (8) Click on the diskette icon to save the file.
- (9) Click on the printer icon to print a hard-copy of the frequencies.
- (10) Turn off power to the transceiver.

## 2.5 RE-ASSEMBLY

After frequency programming has been completed, remove the programming cable from J4 and reassemble the transceiver as follows:

- (1) Disconnect the power cable to the transceiver..
- (2) Install the bottom cover on the main chassis of the transceiver utilizing screws and lock washers retained during disassembly. Tighten Screws.
- (3) On the front panel label of the transceiver, mark the channel designation label with the appropriate frequency against each channel preprogrammed.

## 2.6 OPERATIONAL CHECK

Connect the transceiver to a test bench, and perform an operational check of the transceiver in both transmit and receive modes of operation, checking each channel in use.

## 2.7 INSTALLATION - INTRODUCTION

The following gives the basic installation information for units of VHF/AM Mobile Transceiver System 860605 in a typical airport service vehicle. As there are many types of vehicles in use, some may require "tailor made" installation information.

## 2.8 TRANSCEIVER LOCATION

The first consideration when planning an installation in a vehicle is the location of the transceiver. The transceiver is normally located under the dashboard of a vehicle with the transceiver supported under the mounting bracket, as shown in Figure 1.2. Where space under the dashboard is limited, the transceiver could be supported above the mounting bracket, the reverse of Figure 1.2.

Consideration should also be given to allowing sufficient space behind the transceiver for the length of the antenna connector and the power supply connector when they are mated to the transceiver connectors.

## 2.9 VEHICLE POWER SUPPLY

Having determined the location of the transceiver, the point of connection to the vehicle power supply may be chosen. The transceiver will operate from a 12 or 24 volts dc nominal power supply with negative ground, which must be taken from a fused power source with a minimum of 5-ampere fuse in circuit. The transceiver will tolerate an input voltage over the range 11.0 to 15.0 Vdc.



## 2.10 POWER INPUT CABLE ASSEMBLY

Using Power Input Cable Assembly, Part Number 863701, as shown in Figure 1.3, route the unterminated end of the cable from the transceiver location to the point of connection to the fused vehicle power supply. The three-metre cable may be cut to length as required. Coiling of excess cable is NOT recommended. Strip the outer covering from the end of the cable, prepare the individual wire ends, and fit suitable terminals. Connect the red wire to the positive supply (fused), and connect the black wire to the negative supply ground.

## 2.11 ANTENNA ASSEMBLY

Antenna Assembly, Part Number 861910-1, is supplied as a kit which includes an installation leaflet. The antenna is shown assembled in Figure 1.5.

### 2.12.1 ANTENNA LOCATION

The antenna location is a very important factor in determining the performance of the system. The antenna may be mounted on any flat surface, roof, cowl, fender or rear deck of the vehicle, however, rooftop mounting is recommended for best performance.

### 2.12.2 ANTENNA INSTALLATION

Having determined the location of the antenna, route the unterminated end of the antenna RF cable from the transceiver location. Using the antenna installation leaflet, follow the step-by-step instructions, and install the antenna. Any excess length of antenna RF cable should be cut-off before connection to the antenna.

## 2.13 MOUNTING BRACKET INSTALLATION

Mounting Bracket, Part Number 913053-1, should be installed in the transceiver location using Qty 4 Screws, Self-Tapping, Hex Hd with slot and shoulder No. 12 x3/4in. included in Mounting Hardware Kit, Part Number 869024-1. Refer to Figure 1.2 for a view of the transceiver with mounting bracket.

Using the mounting bracket as a template; on the mounting surface, mark the centre of each of the four slotted mounting holes, and drill a pilot hole using a No. 19 drill or equivalent (actual pilot hole size depends on the thickness of metal of mounting surface). Locate mounting bracket in position, and secure using the screws provided.

## 2.14 TRANSCEIVER INSTALLATION

Locate the transceiver in its approximate position, connect the antenna connector, and power cable connector to the appropriate connectors located at the rear of the transceiver.

Locate the transceiver into mounting bracket, and screw to bracket using two wing screws and nylon washers included in Mounting Hardware Kit, Part Number 869024-1. Adjust angle of transceiver as required, before tightening the two wing screws.

## 2.15 MICROPHONE INSTALLATION

Refer to Figure 1.4 for a general view of the microphone and retaining bracket. Determine a suitable and convenient location for Retaining Bracket and secure it using appropriate hardware (not provided). Connect the connector of Microphone, Part Number 961070-1 to the MIC/PTT connector located on the front panel of the transceiver.

## 2.16 OPTIONAL EXTERNAL LOUDSPEAKER OR HEADPHONE

Provision is made for connection of either an external loudspeaker or headphone to the SPEAKER/PHONE jack of the transceiver, as shown in Figure 4.1.

### 2.16.1 EXTERNAL LOUDSPEAKER

When an external loudspeaker is to be installed, an 8-ohm nominal impedance loudspeaker should be used. The loudspeaker cable should be terminated by a 1/4 in., 3-pole telephone plug (male), with the loudspeaker connected between tip and sleeve (ground). The External loudspeaker connector should be connected to the SPEAKER/PHONE jack located on the front panel of the transceiver. When the external loudspeaker connector is connected to the transceiver SPEAKER/PHONE jack, the internal loudspeaker is automatically disconnected.

### 2.16.2 HEADSET

When a headset is to be used, the headset impedance should be 150 to 600-ohms. The headset cable must be terminated by a 1/4in., 3-pole telephone plug (male), which mates with the SPEAKER/PHONE jack located on the front panel of the transceiver. When connected, the internal loudspeaker is automatically disconnected. The headset may be connected as detailed in (1) for receiver audio with no transmit sidetone audio, or (2) for receiver audio with transmit sidetone audio.

#### (1) HEADSET WITH NO TRANSMIT SIDETONE AUDIO

When receiver audio only with no transmit sidetone audio is required, the headset should be connected between the tip and sleeve (ground) of the telephone plug.

#### (2) HEADSET WITH SIDETONE AUDIO

When receiver audio with transmit sidetone is required, the headset should be connected between the tip and sleeve (ground) with a resistor (located inside the plug) connected between the tip and ring of the telephone plug. The function of the resistor is to reduce the transmit sidetone audio level to a suitable listening level. The value of the resistor is determined by the headset impedance and desired listening level. When a 600-ohm impedance headset is used, the value of the resistor should be approximately 10 kilohms. For headsets with lower impedance the resistor value may be different but must not be less than 240-ohms.

## 2.17 OPERATIONAL CHECK

Perform an operational check of the transceiver, checking each channel in use in both the transmit and receive modes of operation, using the Operating instructions given in Section 3 of this document and the appropriate specified operating procedures during transmission.

## SECTION 3 – OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

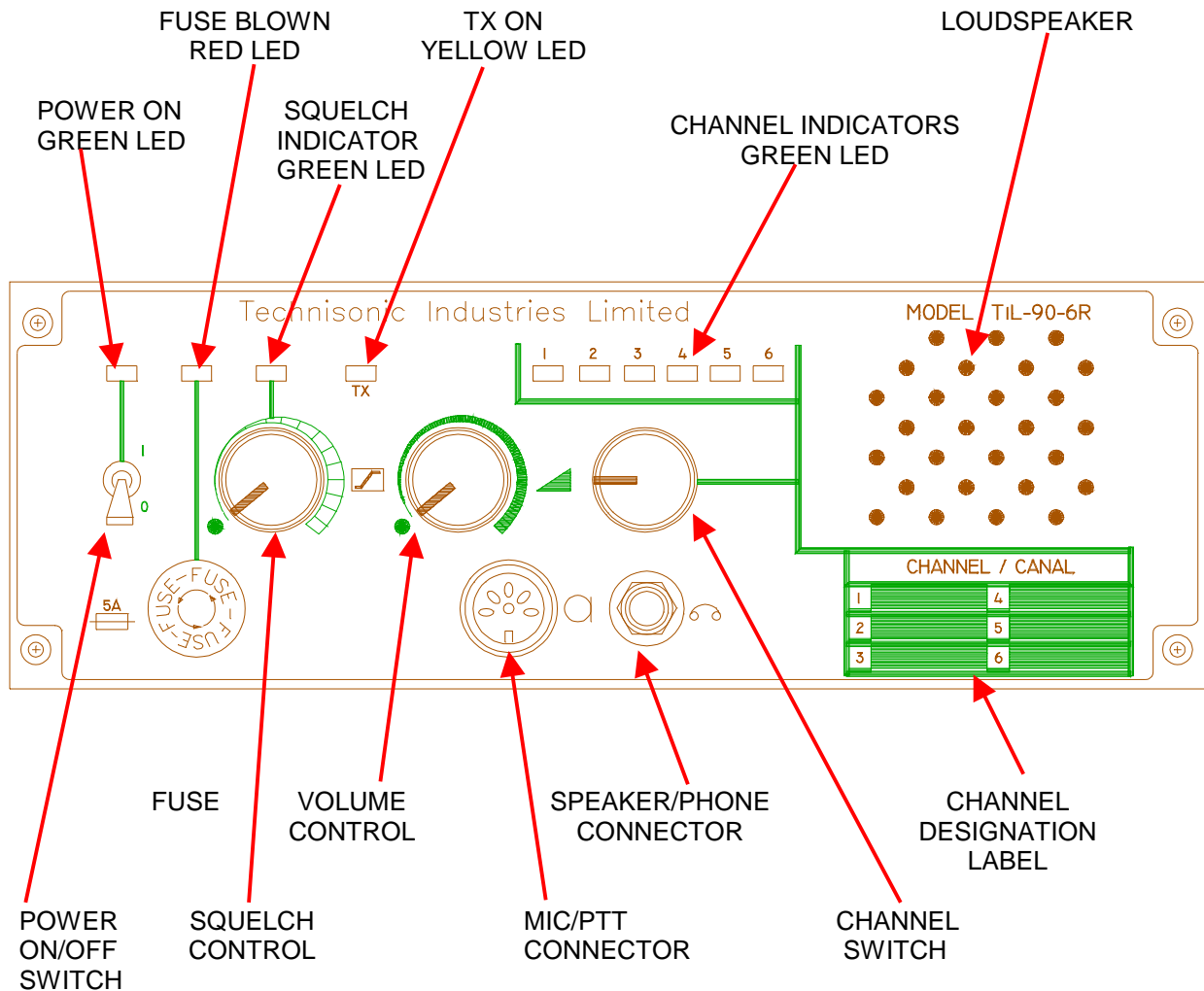
### 3.1 INTRODUCTION

This section includes a functional description of each switch, control, indicator and connector located on the front panel of the transceiver, together with the PRESS-TO-TALK switch included on the microphone, together with operating instructions.

### 3.2 OPERATOR'S SWITCHES, CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

A view of the transceiver front panel is given in Figure 3.1. Front panel controls are identified by pictograms. Each pictogram shows the function performed by the control. These pictograms are translated into words by the annotations of the illustration.

A functional description of each of the operator's switches, controls and indicators, together with the microphone PRESS-TO-TALK switch, is given in Table 3.1, Operator's Switches, Controls and Indicators.



**Figure 3.1** Transceiver Front Panel Layout

**TABLE 3.1 OPERATORS SWITCHES, CONTROLS AND INDICATORS**

<b>SWITCHES, CONTROLS &amp; INDICATORS</b>	<b>FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION</b>
POWER ON/OFF SWITCH	A two-position toggle switch which controls the application of the 12/24 volts nominal power supply to the transceiver.  Position 1, toggle UP, the transceiver is switched ON. Position 0, toggle DOWN, the transceiver is switched OFF.
POWER ON LED INDICATOR	A green LED which is ON when the POWER ON/OFF switch is set to Position 1, and the vehicle power supply is applied to the transceiver.
FUSE	A 5-ampere fuse which protects the 12/24 volts nominal power supply line. As part of reverse polarity protection, the fuse will "blow" when polarity of the vehicle supply line is reversed.
FUSE BLOWN RED LED INDICATOR	A red LED which is ON when the 5-ampere fuse is "blown", and the vehicle power supply is applied to the transceiver.
SQUELCH CONTROL	A linear potentiometer, which is operative when the transceiver is operated in the receive mode, determines the squelch threshold level. When the SQUELCH CONTROL is adjusted in the counter-clockwise direction, the SQUELCH green LED indicator will go ON, indicating that the squelch circuit is connecting the demodulated audio to the VOLUME control.
SQUELCH INDICATOR GREEN LED	A green LED which is ON when the squelch circuit is connecting the demodulated audio to the VOLUME control.
TX ON YELLOW LED INDICATOR	A yellow LED which is ON when the microphone PRESS-TO-TALK (PTT) switch is depressed, and the transceiver is operated in the transmit mode. When the microphone PTT switch is released, the Tx ON yellow LED goes OFF, and the transceiver is operated in the receive mode.
VOLUME CONTROL	A logarithmic potentiometer, which is operative when the transceiver is in the receive mode, determines the audio level applied to the internal loudspeaker.  When the SPEAKER/PHONE connector is in use the VOLUME CONTROL determines the audio level applied to the external loudspeaker or headphone, as appropriate, and the internal loudspeaker is disconnected.
MIC/PTT CONNECTOR	A 5-pin connector which performs two functions, one as the microphone/PTT connector, secondly as a test connector.  (1) It accepts the 3-pin connector of the microphone carrying the following: Pin 1 - PTT Signal Line Pin 2 - Microphone Signal Ground Pin 3 - Microphone Signal and Microphone DC Supply Line  (2) It accepts a 5-pin test connector, for use during bench testing. The additional pins provide the following test points: Pin 4 - AGC test voltage Pin 5 - Squelch test voltage

**TABLE 3.1 OPERATORS SWITCHES, CONTROLS AND INDICATORS**  
(Continued)

<b>SWITCHES, CONTROLS &amp; INDICATORS</b>	<b>FUNCTIONAL DESCRIPTION</b>
MICROPHONE PRESS-TO-TALK SWITCH	<p>When connected via the MIC/PTT CONNECTOR to the transceiver, the PRESS-TO-TALK (PTT) switch determines the operating mode of the transceiver.</p> <p>When the PTT switch is depressed, the transceiver will operate in the transmit mode.</p> <p>When the PTT switch is release, the transceiver will operate in the receive mode.</p>
CHANNEL SWITCH	A 6-position rotary switch which is used in both the transmit and receive modes to determine which one of the 6 preselected channels is in use.
CHANNEL INDICATORS GREEN LED	Six green LED's identified 1 through 6. The appropriate LED goes ON, indicating which channel has been selected by the CHANNEL SWITCH.
CHANNEL DESIGNATION LABEL	The CHANNEL DESIGNATION LABEL is used to record the operating frequency that was preselected for each channel during frequency selection, performed before installation of the transceiver.
LOUDSPEAKER	<p>An 8-ohm internal loudspeaker, which is operative in the receive mode, reproduces the audio line output. The audio line is disconnected from the internal loudspeaker when the transceiver is operated in the transmit mode.</p> <p>The audio line is also disconnected from the internal loudspeaker when the SPEAKER/PHONE connector is in use.</p>
SPEAKER/PHONE CONNECTOR	<p>A 3-pole connector which may be used in certain installations to provide interconnection to either an external loudspeaker or headphone.</p> <p>When used, the internal loudspeaker is disconnected, and the VOLUME control will control the audio level applied to the external loudspeaker or headphone, as applicable.</p>

### **3.3 PREPARATION FOR USE**

To prepare the transceiver for use:

- (1) Remove the microphone from its mounting bracket, and ensure that the microphone connector is connected to the MIC/PTT connector of the transceiver.
- (2) Set the SQUELCH control in the fully counter-clockwise (CCW) position.
- (3) Set the VOLUME control in the 12 o'clock centre position.
- (4) Set the POWER ON/OFF switch to position 1, toggle-up "ON" position.
- (5) Verify that the FUSE BLOWN red LED is OFF.
- (6) Verify that the POWER ON green LED is ON.
- (7) Set the CHANNEL switch to the desired operating channel 1 through 6.
- (8) Verify that the appropriate CHANNEL INDICATOR green LED is ON.
- (9) Proceed to operation in the transmit mode, paragraph 3.4, or operation in the receive mode, paragraph 3.5, as appropriate..

### **3.4 OPERATION IN THE TRANSMIT MODE**

To operate in the transceiver transmit mode, proceed as follows:

- (1) Hold the microphone in one hand, with the upper edge of the microphone as close as possible to the upper lip.  
  
This technique is necessary because the noise cancelling feature of the microphone favours sound close to the microphone and discriminates against sounds only 1/2 inch (12.7mm) or more away from the microphone.
- (2) Depress and hold the PRESS-TO-TALK switch of the microphone during transmission.
- (3) Ensure that the Tx ON yellow LED is ON.
- (4) Speak slowly and distinctly into the microphone using specified operating procedures during transmission.
- (5) When the message is ended, release the PRESS-TO-TALK switch of the microphone.
- (6) The transceiver is now operating in the receive mode.
- (7) Verify that the Tx ON yellow LED is OFF.

### 3.5 OPERATION IN THE RECEIVE MODE

To operate the transceiver in the receive mode, proceed as follows:

- (1) Ensure that the PRESS-TO-TALK switch on the microphone is NOT depressed, and verify that the Tx ON yellow LED is OFF.
- (2) Ensure that the PRESS-TO-TALK switch on the microphone is NOT depressed, and verify that the Tx ON yellow LED is OFF.
- (3) Adjust the SQUELCH control to suit location reception conditions. When the SQUELCH control is rotated in the clockwise direction, the SQUELCH indicator green LED will go ON, indicating that the squelch circuit is connecting the demodulated audio output to the VOLUME control.

Further adjustment of the SQUELCH control determines the squelch setting.

- (4) The VOLUME control can then be adjusted in a clockwise direction to increase the audio level, or in a counter-clockwise direction to decrease the audio level which can be heard on the internal loudspeaker.

#### NOTE:

**When an external loudspeaker or headset is connected to the SPEAKER/PHONE jack of the transceiver, the internal loudspeaker is automatically disconnected. The VOLUME control will now control the audio level applied to the external loudspeaker or headset, as applicable.**

- (5) To change the operating channel, set the CHANNEL switch to the desired channel 1 through 6, and verify that the appropriate CHANNEL INDICATOR green LED is ON.

### 3.6 SWITCHING OFF

To switch off the transceiver:

- (1) Set the POWER ON/OFF switch to position 0, toggle down OFF position.
- (2) Verify that all indicator LED's on the front panel are OFF.



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## **INTRODUCTION**

This document contains instructions for proper installation and operation of the TDP-90 software for USB programmable Technisonic AM series transceivers and details the various elements of the Graphical User Interface (GUI).

**NOTE:** The images in this document are examples only and may not reflect your particular data settings, or current TDP software version.

## **SOFTWARE INSTALLATION**

### **USB Driver**

The USB hardware in your Technisonic AM transceiver is configured as a Virtual Com Port (“VCP”) which emulates a serial COM port so the correct driver must be installed before attempting to use the TDP-90 software. This driver is available for free distribution from Future Technology Devices International (“FTDI”). Download and install the latest release of the VCP driver for Windows per the instructions on the web page located at this link: <http://www.ftdichip.com/Drivers/VCP.htm>.

### **TDP Software**

Insert the TDP-90 CD ROM into the computer CD ROM drive. (Do not connect the transceiver to the computer USB port at this time.) Navigate the to CD Rom drive then double click on TDP-90 file and follow the instructions. Once completed there will be a “TDP90” icon on your computer desktop.

## **TRANSCEIVER TO COMPUTER CONNECTION**

Connect the transceiver to the computer USB port using a standard USB-A male to USB-B male cable. The USB port is located on the rear panel of mobile and base station transceivers and on the front panel of rack mount transceivers.

## **GETTING STARTED**

To start the TDP-90 in Windows, double click the TDP90 icon on the desktop. The program will start, and the following **Graphical User Interface (GUI)** will appear. The current ***version number*** is shown in square brackets on the title bar.

### **MAIN GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE**

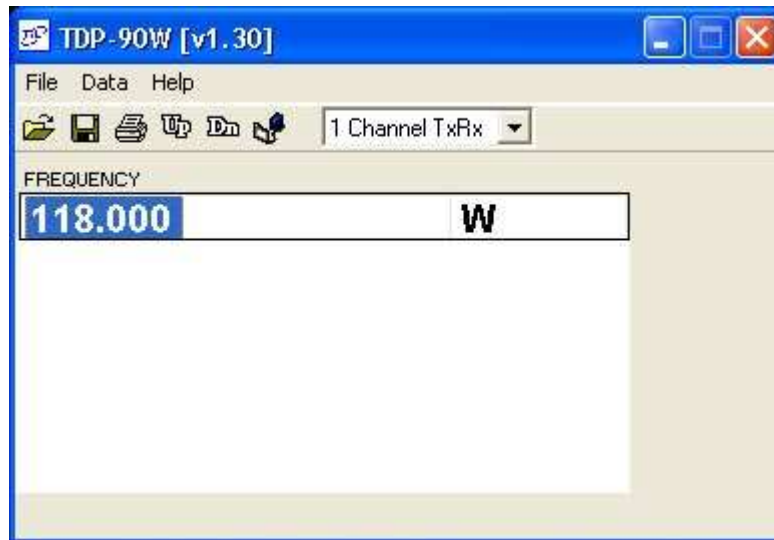


Figure 1

## ICONS AND PULL DOWN MENUS

The **icons** and **pull-down menus** provide the set-up and operating functions. The **Channels** pull-down tab provides selection for single or six channel transceivers. The number of channels in the **Frequency editing window** changes accordingly. The frequency of each channel, as displayed in the **Frequency editing window**, can be changed by clicking on the desired channel window and entering the frequency.

### ICONS



Figure 2

The icons provide single-click access to the features in the pull down menus. Details of these features are explained in the Pull Down Menu descriptions that follow.



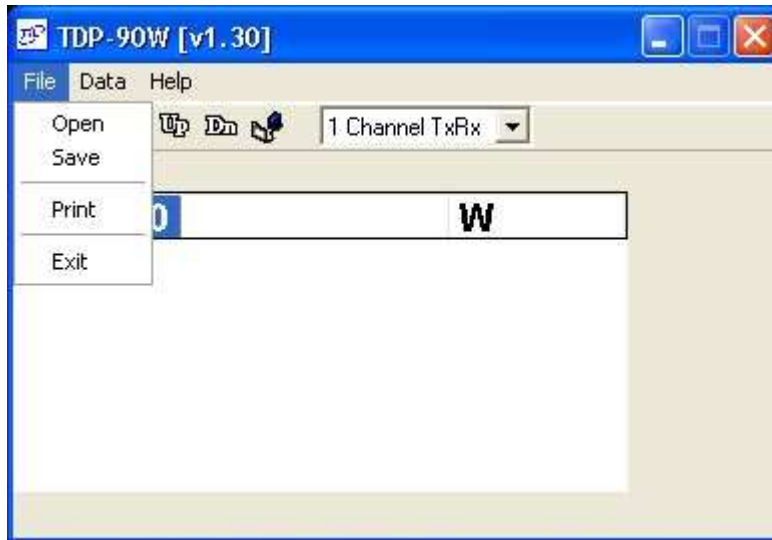
**FILE MENU**

Figure 3

**Open** will allow you to select and load an existing file that was previously saved on disk. The yellow folder icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**Save** will allow you to save the current data into a file with a name of your choice. The filename may be any length up to 64 characters. The program will automatically append the .90 suffix to the filename. The diskette icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**Print** will create a text file of the channel list, as presented in the Frequency List window. Once the **Print** function is invoked, you will be prompted to enter the serial number of the currently connected transceiver. The printout will append a header to the top of the page that includes the serial number of the transceiver as well as the time and date. The printout can be filed as a record of the frequencies that are programmed into that particular transceiver. The printer icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**Exit** will quit the TDP-90 program. If you have not saved your data, or if any changes were made to your data set since your last save, the TDP will warn you of this, and allow you to do so before quitting.

## DATA MENU

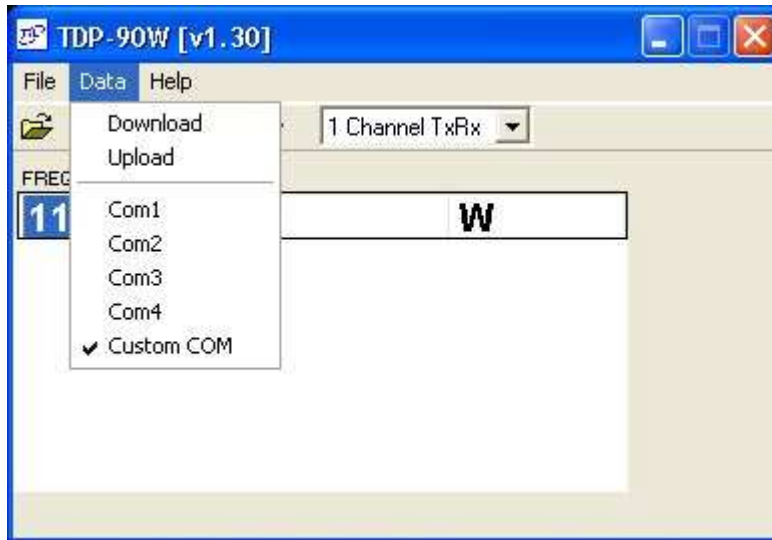
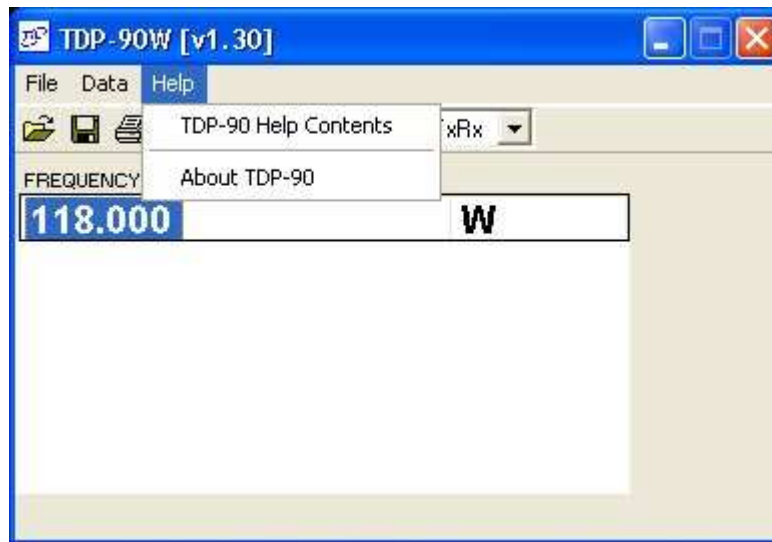


Figure 4

**Download (to Radio)** instructs the TDP-90 software to transfer the frequency data in the list to the memory channels in the connected AM transceiver. The Dn icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**Upload (from Radio)** instructs the TDP-90 program to wait for and read the channel data from the memory channels in the connected AM transceiver. The Up icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**Com1 (2, 3, 4, Custom COM)** allows you to select the COM port on your computer to which the transceiver is connected. The computer may assign a random unused COM port number to the Virtual Com Port (VCP) when the USB driver is installed so “Custom COM” can be selected when it is beyond the normal range of COM1-4. The assigned VCP can be determined by accessing the Device Manager (access in WinXP by right-clicking on “My Computer – Properties – Hardware – Device Manager – Port (COM & LPT) ). Note the COM number that was assigned to USB Serial Port. The Port (5<sup>th</sup>) icon provides the same function in a single mouse click.

**HELP MENU****Figure 5**

**TDP-90 Help Contents** opens the Windows Help dialog for the TDP-90 software. Here, you will find hardware connection and operating information as well as troubleshooting tips and answers to some Frequently Asksed Questions.

**About** selection displays Technisonic company and contact information as well as the revision number of the TDP software in the “Terminal window” screen.

**CHANNEL SELECTION PULLDOWN**

**1 CHANNEL TRANSCEIVER**

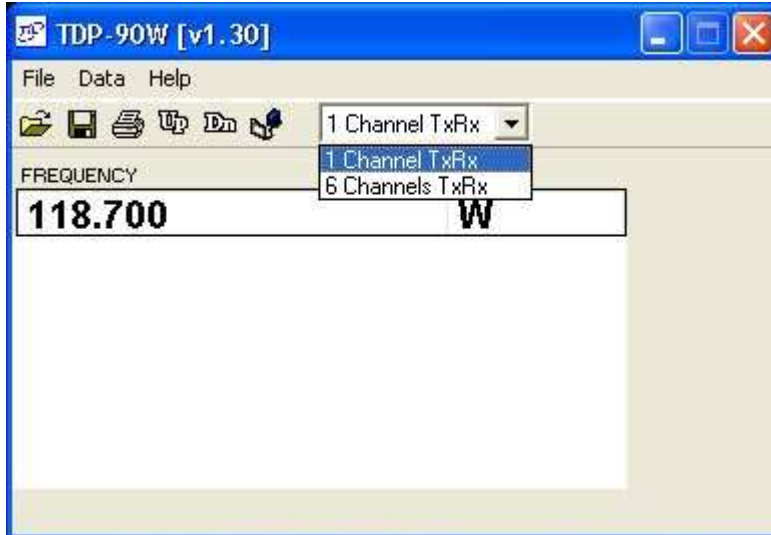


Figure 6

**6 CHANNEL TRANSCEIVER**



Figure 7

The **x Channel(s)** pull-down tab allows you to select for single or six channel AM transceiver use. The frequency editing window changes accordingly. The “W” indicates that the channels are 25kHz (**Wide**) channel spacing and as such, only channels in 25kHz increments are accepted. Be sure to set the channel pulldown appropriately for your transceiver otherwise frequency programming may be unpredictable.

**SAMPLE UPLOAD AND DOWNLOAD**

- (1) Connect the transceiver to the computer USB port using a standard USB-A male to USB-B male cable. The USB port is located on the rear panel of mobile and base station transceivers and on the front panel of rack mount transceivers. Turn on the power to the transceiver.
- (2) Assuming that the USB driver is already installed, determine which Virtual Com Port has been assigned by accessing the Device Manager (accessed in Win XP by right-clicking on "My Computer – Properties – Hardware – Device Manager – Ports (COM & LPT) ). Note the COM number that was assigned to USB Serial Port.
- (3) Run the TDP-90 program on the computer.
- (4) Click on the **Data** pull-down list and select the serial port to which the transceiver is connected. Select Custom COM and enter the assigned port number if it is outside the normal range of Com1-4.
- (5) Set the program for 1 or 6 channels as applicable using the channel pulldown list.
- (6) Click on the **Up** icon to retrieve the frequencies from the radio. "UPLOADING" will appear at the bottom of the window as data is being transferred.
- (7) Edit the frequencies as desired. (The program only accepts 25 kHz spaced frequencies.)
- (8) Click on the **Dn** icon to copy the frequencies to the transceiver. "DOWNLOADING" will appear at the bottom of the window as data is being transferred.
- (9) Click on the **diskette** icon to save the file. Hint: Use the transceiver serial number or some other unique filename to identify the specific transceiver. The program will automatically append the .90 suffix to the filename.
- (10) Click on the **printer** icon to print a hard-copy of the frequencies.

